

OVER \$2,500,000 SUNK.

Poor People's Savings in the Short-Term Order—A Big Portion of It Lost—The Causes for Speculation and Overcredulity Have Brought Sorrow to Tens of Thousands.

The recent short term endowment craze which swept over this city and surrounding country, and which collapsed when the break began as rapidly as it sprang up, was one of the most remarkable financial marvels of the age, and well illustrated the speculative and gambling propensities of mankind.

It was remarkable from the fact that men without the suspicion of a knowledge of finance; men illiterate and in some cases scarcely able to read or write; men from the shoemaker's bench, the paint shop, the barber shop and other artisan trades essayed the role of financiers, and in the brief space of three months handled hundreds upon hundreds of thousands of dollars. Remarkable because of the glittering and alluring promises of financial results held forth; promises of results which put Aladdin and his wonderful lamp to shame. Remarkable because of the confidence of the people which these men secured, the confidence not alone of the ignorant and uneducated, but of the men and women, whose intelligence and in some instances knowledge of finance should have kept them aloof from all such schemes, but whose greed for sudden riches and whose inclination to indulge occasionally in a "flyer" led them to lend their encouragement to a scheme which was bound to end disastrously.

The magnitude of this most gigantic swindle can only be comprehended by a reference to the figures, which by a very conservative estimate show that in the space of a little over three months over two millions and a half dollars were paid into these concerns, of which the Universal Order of Co-operation received about \$655,000; the Earnest Workers, \$650,000; Benevolent Endowment, \$250,000; Bi-monthly Endowment Society, \$130,000, and the balance of them fully \$1,000,000 more. Of this vast sum less than \$600,000 was returned to certificate holders, while about \$900,000 is locked up in Receiverships and Assignments. Of this amount about \$107,000 belongs to the certificate holders of the Earnest Workers, \$60,000 to the Universal Order of Co-operation, \$60,000 to the Bi-monthly Endowment Society, \$75,000 to the Benevolent Endowment Association and \$7,200 to the Active Workers. In connection with the Active...

It is highly probable that in a number of instances they will find themselves in the attorney's debt, as the amount he will recover will not pay the \$2 called for in the agreement. At the scheme of Lawyer Maires is a success he will receive the biggest slice of the award to be made by the receiver or assignee in these two organizations. He has the power of attorney from over 10,000 Earnest Workers, which at \$2 per head represents \$20,000, and fully 5,000 Benevolent Endowment people, which represents \$10,000 more, or a grand total of \$30,000.

To Bridge the Whirlpool. An Ottawa despatch says: Mr. German's bill presented to-day is for a charter to construct a bridge across the Niagara River a near the whirlpool rapids, for electric or steam railway purposes. The idea is that an electric railway be constructed from the American park down the river bank to the whirlpool, across the proposed bridge and up the Canada side to the Canadian park. This is the principal object in view, but the bill is wide enough to include steam railway.

A Female Mark Tapley. New York Press: Wife—I've just had a letter from mother. Husband—How is she? Wife—She's miserable. Husband—I'm glad of it. Wife—Monster. Husband—Not at all. I know your mother. She's never happy except when she's miserable.

Rhes, in a casual conversation the other day, expressed herself in the following brief and naive manner concerning three of the most prominent actresses. When I see Mrs. Kendall I take a lesson. When I see Ellen Terry I am charmed. When I see Sarah Bernhardt I am electrified. Mrs. Kendall is an actress, Ellen Terry an enchantress, Sarah Bernhardt a goddess.

A telephone line is shortly to be opened between London and Paris. The total distance between the two cities is 271 miles, 21 miles of which is the distance across the English Channel. By adding the loop circuit, the length of the wire needed would be twice 271, or 542 miles, including 42 miles of sub-marine wire. It would not be surprising if the next thing in order should be an Atlantic Ocean telephone.

There are no cats in Greenland, but they have a native dog there that can howl a hole in the side of an iceberg, so the natives do not miss the cats.

JUMPED TO HER DEATH.

Little Sarah Little's Unhappy Break for Liberty.

She Lost Her Nerve and Fell Sixty Feet—She is Still Living, but Death Promises Her Eternal Liberty.

A desperate attempt to escape was made at the Mercer Reformatory on Monday morning last. It is feared that the unfortunate girl who endeavored to gain her liberty will die as a result of the miscarriage of her plans. The incident has been carefully guarded from the public, no notification having been sent the authorities. Meantime the unfortunate victim of her own folly is lying in the hospital of the institution hovering between life and death, with the chances inclining to the latter probability.

Sarah Little on April 15th was brought up from Belleville to serve a term of one year for receiving chickens knowing them to have been stolen. At the Mercer she gave her place of birth as Toronto, but could not give any address where friends might be found. On admission she was detailed to work in the laundry, and her dormitory was located in the fourth story of the western wing of the building. To work hard. She had very little to say to anyone and quickly gave the impression to those in charge that she was only too willing to accept the rules of the reformatory and be guided by them.

About 4.30 o'clock on Monday morning the night guard, who makes the round of the dormitories every two hours, was startled by hearing piercing screams coming from the dormitory in the third story. Hurrying there she found that the women had been alarmed at seeing a dark body slide quickly down from above, immediately in front of one of the windows. Whatever it was looked in for a moment and disappeared with a shriek. They persisted in their story, and it gained confirmation when the guard, on going to the window, saw a rope waving in the wind, proving conclusively that the prisoners had some ground for alarm.

While this was going on inside, an outside watchman was attracted by cries for help which came from the sidewalk fronting the west wing. Hurrying to the spot he found a woman lying on the brick path, way uttering ejaculations of pain and feebly calling for assistance. The alarm once given the woman was speedily carried into the building and medical assistance summoned. It was discovered that the unfortunate was 17-year-old Sarah Little. Her spine was found to be broken, her right knee fractured and an ankle sprained. She was conveyed to the hospital ward, where she now lies between life and death.

Her story as told Miss O'Reilly, the superintendent of the Mercer, is as follows: On Sunday night after retiring to her bed, which is separated from the others by a wooden partition, she took the rung of a chair and pried apart two of the bars, making an opening sufficiently large through which she could squeeze through to the outside. This accomplished she took her blanket and cut it into strips. She tied them together and twisted it into a rope of sufficient strength to bear her weight. This was fastened to one of the bars, and getting outside on the window ledge she began to let herself down to the ground below. Everything went all right until she got opposite a window in the third story. There she was noticed by some of the women, who began to scream. This frightened her as badly as her appearance did them, and she let go her hold in her terror and fell to the earth. Had it not been for the other women she would have undoubtedly succeeded in getting clear away. As it is it is probable she will never be able to work again, even if it is possible for her to recover.

A Helpful Suggestion.

There was a row in the church and the disaffected ones had gathered in a turbulent crowd outside, while two policemen guarded the door on the inside.

"What is to be done with all these people collected out there?" said the policeman, appealing to the pastor.

"Why," he coolly replied, "we expect you to go out and take up the collection." And they did and quelled the disturbance.

She Was the Umpire.

Tommy—Mamma, the boys all say that if I handle the stick in the ball game this afternoon we'll beat the Leather-Bangers four to one.

Tommy's mother—That's all right, my son, but you are going to stay at home this afternoon and handle the stick for me, and we'll beat the carpet worse than that.

No Dessert.

"Them chops was good, mum," said the temptress. "But I allus likes to finish a meal with sweets. Yer ain't got any cakes, have yer?"

"I have oakes of soap." "Thank yer hearty, mum; but I never touch 'em."

It is estimated that five-sevenths of the young men of the United States seldom see the inside of a church.—Troy Press.

Does position effect sleep? asked a medical writer. It does not when the man holds the position of nightwatchman.

The Northern Express Company has been robbed of \$12,000 on the line between Chippewa Falls and Abbotsford, Wis. by some one who possessed a key to the safe. In twenty years there has been no counterfeiting of Uncle Sam's postage stamps.

THE WIZARD'S LATEST.

Edison will Exhibit Several Astonishing Inventions at the World's Fair.

Thomas A. Edison, the famous electrician and inventor, is preparing to astonish the world by the exhibit he will make at the World's Fair in 1893. "I shall have two or three things to show," said he recently, "which I think will both surprise and please the visitors to the electrical department of the Exposition, which, by the way, I am fully convinced, will be a great success. Two of these inventions are characterized by the electrical, or even nearly perfect that I do not hesitate to say something about it."

I hope to be able by the invention to throw upon a canvas a perfect picture of anybody, and reproduce his words. Thus, invention will put her full length picture upon the canvas so perfectly as to enable one to distinguish every feature and expression of her face, see all her actions and listen to the entrancing melody of her peevish voice. The invention will do for the eyes what the phonograph has done for the ears, and reproduce the voice as well, in fact, more clearly. I have already perfected the invention so far as to be able to intensify interested faces of those surrounding it—and you can hear the sound of the blows, the cheers of encouragement and the yells of disappointment. And when this invention shall have been perfected," said Mr. Edison with the trace of enthusiasm glow in his face, "a man will be able to sit in his library at home, and, having electrical connection with the theatre, see reproduced on his wall or a piece of canvas the actors, and hear anything they say. I can place one so it will register the passing sights for a time, I can have it cast them on a canvas so that every feature and motion of the face, can be seen, and if a friend passed during the time, you may know it. This invention will be called the 'Kinetograph.' The first half of the word signifies 'motion,' and the last 'write,' and both together mean the portrayal of motion. The invention combines photography and phonography."

Mr. Edison occupied nearly an acre with his exhibit at the Paris Exposition he exhibited at Paris, and numerous other things besides, he is desirous of being accorded a greater space in 1893. The electrical exhibit is expected to be the wonder of the Exposition.

Temperance Notes. The fourth convention of the Dominion W. O. T. U. meets at St. John on June 19th to 23rd. Miss Willard will attend.

Quebec City temperance people are insisting that the police force shall do its duty in the enforcement of the liquor laws.

The Welsh Local Option Bill, was carried by a clear majority in the House of Commons. A temperance scholarship has been founded in the Magee College, London-derry, for stimulating interest in temperance work among the students.

The Lord Provost of Glasgow has refused to grant a wine and beer license to the refreshment contractor of an exhibition to be opened shortly in the east-end of the city.

The perage of England owns 1,538 liquor shops, and at the same time the House of Lords has about 1,300 livings at their disposal in the church. It is a charitable supposition that they give a man a church and then license a grog shop near him to keep him busy.

Great Britain has at least three military oostmanders who are total abstainers, viz.: Sir Robert Thayer, Commander-in-Chief of Her Majesty's armies in Bombay; Sir Henry Ramsay, late commander of a province in India, and Sir Charles Bernard, Commander of Burmah during the late Burmese war.

The thirty-fifth annual session of the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of Good Templars will be held in the city of Edinburgh, Scotland, commencing on the 26th day of May. This is the second time this great international body has been called to meet in Great Britain. The session is a most important one, and will probably hold a week or ten days.

Obtaining Good Kisses. "Jimpson is to be arrested for kissing Cora, although she was willing." "How can he be arrested, then?" "It was after dark and she thought it was Simpson—the charge is obtaining goods under false pretences."

A Pertinent Question? Rochester Herald: Father—if you paid more attention to cooking and less to dress, my dear, you would make a much better wife. Daughter—Yes, father. But who would marry me?

—Dr. James Cunningham Bachelor of New Orleans, who succeeds the late Albert Pike as Illustrious Sovereign Grand Commander of the thirty-three degrees Masons, was born in Canada, July 10, 1818. He went to the South when quite young.

The British novelist Blackmore is a hearty and well-preserved man of 66 years. He looks much like a typical back-country squire and rarely appears in society, preferring to live the life of a literary recluse. He is an Oxford graduate and a lawyer.

—Mr. Wanmaker told his Sunday school in Philadelphia last Sunday that he was gratified and surprised nearly every day of his recent trip to meet some one formerly connected with his class in the school.

A Rat Portage despatch says a strange case of suicide occurred there. A laboring man named Francis Garneau, becoming dependent through excessive drink, jumped into the water near the falls, but before doing so carefully removed his clothing. A letter was found in one of the pockets explaining the reasons for committing the rash act.

THE NEWEST GAME OUT.

How the Wideawake Girls Now Quiz the Young Men.

Over in Brooklyn a short time ago, says the New York Sun, a bright young married woman introduced an abominable game. This game, so far as known, hasn't been christened yet. This is the scheme: Ten virtues, or characteristics or qualities, are set down in a row, like this:

Honesty, Affability, Modesty, Beauty, Politeness, Generosity, Intelligence, Consideration, Sociability.

Then the names of the persons present are set down, and they are taken one at a time and picked to pieces by their friends. The maximum is ten for every virtue, and the person whose total is nearest 100 is considered the nicest one present.

The appalling brutality of this game can only be appreciated by one who has taken part in it. Imagine yourself in the company of half a dozen girls whose chief characteristic is bluntness, who consider truth the crowning virtue. Suppose you have only recently been introduced to five of the girls, and are not on intimate terms with the men present, and are selected as the first victim of this horrible scheme? The question of your honesty is broached, and every girl instantly bends her brows upon you, and after deliberating for a moment concludes that you are not any too honest, and that 71.3 per cent. is all that you are entitled to. This thing recently happened to the writer, and this was his assertion that he had never availed a man out of a cent.

Then the merciless young ladies the got down to the same subject's fact, and gave him 61.3, while his politeness was estimated at 62.3. He got 8 for intelligence, however, which was a comparative pleasure, and then he got 61.3 for society and 7 for affability.

Then the trying moment came when the question of his beauty was to be decided. He is sure that he never appeared so ungloriously and homely in his life as he did at that moment while sitting with his hands out of sight and his feet as far under the chair as he could get them. There were several whispered conferences and many minute examinations of his person, and then he got only a stingy 5 per cent. This ranked his beauty among the average, and it makes him hot in the collar even now when he thinks of it.

He felt at home, however, when the question of modesty was reached. He didn't care how low he was ranked in this respect, for he always believed that modesty was a stumbling-block in the path of any man. But those terrible girls almost instantly agreed, on the authority of one whom the unfortunate man knows almost well enough to ask for a kiss, that his per cent. in this respect was, at least, 82.3, or mightily near the maximum. This made the man think, and if the result of this thought doesn't astonish it put the girl and make her sorry she didn't put the per cent down to one, why then it'll be a funny thing.

He got 7 for generosity and 9 for consideration, in spite of his own conviction that these figures should be reversed. His total was 70 3/4, which he was assured was mighty high for a new man.

How to Pack Dresses for Moving. Moving gowns is almost as troublesome as moving entire suites of furniture, and yet to the woman who knows how to do it the right way their very moving results in pleasure. How? Because when the new house is occupied, when the chairs and tables are all in their proper places, then, when she is ready to assume her gown, she knows that she can open the boxes in which they have been encased, select any one she wishes, and put it on at once because it is sweet, thoroughly clean and fresh. In packing the gowns be liberal with tissue paper, putting it between all trimmings, in the sleeves and between the bodices, in to pack them? Well, the best way is to go to a boxmaker with the measurement of your skirts and, allowing about a quarter of a yard more than they are, have him make you four or five deep, strong boxes covered with either black or green heavy paper. Four boxes, and with them can be put in each juncture belonging to them. Two evening gowns, with all their belongings, have plenty of room in such boxes, and are not in the least degree crushed. For my own part, I cannot say enough in favor of these boxes, not only for moving the frocks, but for holding them after one has moved. Cover them well with paper before the lid is put on, tie them up securely with strong cord, and let the boxes go into a room where they will not be disturbed until you are really at home and take out your gowns with a certainty that not a loop or a hook is missing, that they are absolutely as fresh as the daisy in the fields.—Ladies' Home Journal.

A Disappointment. New York Press: "So you have been abroad?" "Yes." "Did you visit Paris?" "Yes, but we stopped only one day there. We went there to improve ourselves in the French language, and were awfully disappointed."

How so? "Why, they don't speak the French there at all like we do."

The entire lumber stock of J. W. Day & Co., at Minneapolis, aggregating 19,000,000 feet, was burned yesterday morning. Loss, \$238,000.

The report is confirmed that Nat White, a miner on Blue Canyon, Arizona, was killed by Indians. The Indians are headed towards New Mexico.

It is a mournful commentary on human vanity to see the mourners looking back, on turning the corners, to see if the procession is worthy of the corpse.

KATIE GOT THE BOOK.

No One will Deny that it was the Reward of a Good Story.

Katie was going to bed. "Mamma," she said, "I want Johnny's picture-book—that with the lambs." "Hush, Katie," said her mother, the least bit wearily, for the little feet and the little tongue had never ceased going one moment all day. "Now we will go to sleep."

"But mamma," and the big eyes pleaded earnestly, "can't I have Johnny's picture-book this once?" "Not to-night, dearie; it is too late." "Mamma," said Katie, sitting up very straight and looking very solemn indeed, "I heard a story of a little girl—she was a good little girl—that asked her mamma out, when she was put to bed, for the picture-book with the lambs, and the mamma told her she couldn't have it, and—and—the baby voice fell to an awed whisper, and the eyes grew very big—in just—about—two—minutes—she was dead!" "My Katie! And what killed her so quick?" "Because," said Katie, with conviction—"because she didn't get the book." She got it and in five minutes was asleep with it in her arms.—Harper's Bazar.

A Perverse Generation. Japanese books begin at the end, the word first coming just where we place the title page, nor must it be forgotten that the reader always places his marker at the bottom instead of at the top. At table the guests always commence with wine, which is followed by what we would consider dessert, after which come the more substantial dishes. A Japanese always mounts his horse on the right side, the various portions of the harness being fastened on the same side, the mane hanging that way also. When the animal is brought home to the stables his head is put where his tail ought to be, and he is fed from a tub at the stable door. Boats are hauled up on the beach stern foremost, and those topsy-turvy people do not say north-east or south-west but east-north or west-south. They carry their babies, not as we do, in our arms, but on their backs. They address a letter the reverse way to us, placing the country and city first, and the name last, going from the general to the particular, and in place of writing Mr. John Smith, they put Smith John Mr.

Japanese keys turn in instead of out. Japanese carpenters saw and plane toward, not away from themselves. In keeping accounts they write the figures first, the items corresponding to them subsequently. Politeness prompts them to remove, not their head-covering, but that of their feet. The Japanese girls usually sew on cuffs and frills in topsy-turvy fashion, and, as a rule, wrong side out. In love making it is the females who do the billing and cooing. Here, as well as in Europe, bachelors and married men occasionally are sometimes captivated by fascinating actresses. Whereas, in Japan it is the ladies who are hopelessly smitten with agreeable actors, and not infrequently compel them to accept their hands and hearts.—Drake's Magazine.

Too Enticing. Flingende Blatter: Judge—How come you to enter the house? "But just think, your Honor! Two o'clock at night; no policeman within a half-a-mile; an open window on the first story! Why, you would have climbed in yourself!"

Don't Scare the Devil. Ram's Horn: The devil is never scared by a handsome Bible on a parlor-table.

—Clara—I have been out shopping all the morning. Maude—Did you see anything you liked? Clara—Oh, yes. I saw your clerk, and he promised to be down to South Beach this summer for two weeks.

An Uncommon Girl. She knows no Latin, she knows no Greek. But the purest American she can speak; she knows the uses of her and she has the proper places of I and me. She doesn't use big words to tell a story, although she can use them well; with an ample supply of common sense. And I'd rather have her any day than the girl who can parry you forssay.

There is a duty of 20 per cent. on queen bees while the drone is admitted free. And yet some people claim the McKinley Bill is not against labor.—New York World.

Cleveland has for years had a deaf-mute on its police force. He has the record of having been a thoroughly efficient officer, and as he cannot hear a sound he is obliged to be more than usually watchful.

Colonel Taylor, commandant of the School of Infantry at Winnipeg, was seized with a fit of apoplexy on Wednesday and died from its effects.

The second sale of Canadian cattle in the Old Country took place in Glasgow on Wednesday, at rates which are decidedly unfavorable for the exporters.

The tenth International Christian Endeavor Convention will be held in Minneapolis, Minn., on July 9th, 10th, 11th and 12th. The first object of the convention is to weld into a whole all the elements that go to constitute the Christian Endeavor organization. The second is to stimulate in an especial degree the interest held in the movement in the district where it is elaborated preparations are being made by delegates. Excursions are being planned, as well as many other means of enjoyment. The delegates will all be billeted at the various hotels and other places and members of the local organizations will be on every train reaching the city on these days to pilot the strangers to their stopping places. The convention promises to be one of the biggest gatherings this season, thousands going from both this country and from all over the States. Illinois, it is said, will send at least 2,000 delegates, about 400 of these from Chicago alone. Pennsylvania and New York will send a thousand each. Washington, D. C., will send 200, and Baltimore, Maryland, Delaware, Indiana and Kentucky will also send contingents. Wisconsin will send a thousand. In fact all the States will send large numbers. Canada will also add its quota, and no doubt a few Canadianians will find their way thither as well.

The Brazilian Government has decided that in future all customs duties must be paid in gold.